

Exhibit A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application Number : 10/725,076 Confirmation No.: 2702
Applicant : Mark ZOLLER, *et al.*
Filed : December 2, 2003
Title : Binding assays that use the T1R2/T1R3 (sweet) taste receptor to
: identify compounds that elicit or modulate sweet taste
TC/Art Unit : 1647
Examiner: : Robert S. Landsman
Docket No. : 67824.713001
Customer No. : 21967

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME, AMENDMENT,
AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Sir:

Applicants provide the following remarks in response to the Non-Final Rejection mailed April 29, 2009 ("Office Action"), in the above-identified application.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants respectfully petition for an one-month extension of time within which to submit a response, thereby extending the period up to and including August 31, 2009 (August 29 being a Saturday).

Please charge the undersigned's **Deposit Account No. 50-0206** in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the one-month extension of time fee for a small entity. It is believed that no additional fees are required for entry of these remarks, but should any additional fees be necessary to enter this response, the USPTO is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

This response is provided in the following format:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and

Remarks begin of page 8 of this paper.